

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 and 43-51 remain pending. Applicants appreciate the indication that Claims 8-35 and 43-48 stand allowed.

Claim 1 has been amended. In particular, Claim 1 has been amended to remove formula (g) from the groups that represent X_1 in Formula 1. No new matter has been entered by way of amendment.

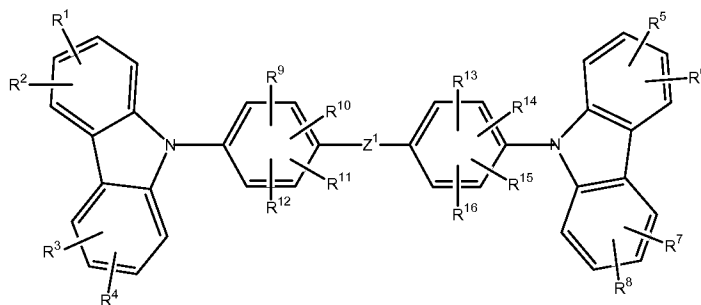
Favorable reconsideration of the remaining pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-7 and 49-51 stand rejected as anticipated under 35 USC 102(e) by US Patent No. 6,893,743 to Sato et al. (Sato). Applicants respectfully traverse.

The Examiner states on page 3, lines 1 to 9 of the outstanding Office Action, “Sato discloses an organic electroluminescent device comprising a light-emitting layer sandwiched between an anode and a cathode (see column 4, lines 26-45). The reference discloses that the light-emitting layer comprises a host material:

(I-1)



wherein Z¹ can be a divalent aromatic hydrocarbon ring or aromatic heterocyclic group (representing -Xa- from the present claims) and R¹ to R¹⁶ can be hydrogen as per instant claim 1 (see column 7, line 1 to column 8, line 20. It is disclosed in column 8, lines 20-23 that Z' can be a linking group which may have a substituent in claim 1".

Claim1 has been amended to exclude the host material disclosed in Sato to which the examiner refers.

Accordingly, Claim 1 is not anticipated by Sato and therefore, we believe that claim 1, and all the claims dependent thereon, will be in condition of allowability.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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